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| C. STUART JOHNSON, et. al  | ) | Date: July 23, 2003  |
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| For: SWITCHING DEVICE WITH | ) |                      |
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir,

Applicant respectfully petitions for a one-month extension under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136(a) in order to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2003, to July 24, 2003.

A check in the amount of \$110 is enclosed for the one-month Extension of Time (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)). The Commissioner of the US Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-3979. A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael B. Brooks". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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